# EASIER TO USE UIC

We're here to help give babies and children a healthy start

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## **ABOUT WIC**

 WIC gives babies and children a healthy start. Our supplemental nutrition program provides information on healthy eating and breastfeeding, nutritious food, and referrals to health care and other services for income-eligible pregnant women, new mothers, infants, and children up to age 5.



## WE'RE HERE TO HELP

- More than half of all infants in Rock Island County participate in WIC.
- WIC foods shown by research to reduce premature births and infant deaths, improve maternal health, boost performance at school, and save in healthcare costs.
- WIC participants spend about
   \$2 million a year in Rock Island County.
- Participating Illinois Quad-City stores include Hy-Vee, Jewel, Walmart, Fareway, Target, and several Mexican grocery stores. CVS and Walgreens are for pharmacy purchases only.



## HEALTHY FOOD AND MORE

- Healthy foods at no cost, including fresh, frozen or canned fruits and vegetables, milk, cheese, peanut butter, healthy cereals, beans, eggs, tuna, baby food, infant formula, bread
- Breastfeeding support and breast pumps
- Nutrition counseling and education
- Health and developmental screenings
- Lead screenings
- Referrals to other community resources





# #WICBUMP EXPANDS FRUIT/VEGGIE PURCHASING POWER

Through Sept. 30

Growing appetite to make permanent

Children: \$24 monthly

Pregnant/postpartum: \$43 monthly

Breastfeeding: \$47 monthly

Any nonpackaged, non-delifresh fruits and vegetables are included



## **GETTING STARTED**

## What to bring with you (non-pandemic process)

- Proof of identify, including driver's license, library card, LINK card, bank debit card
- Proof of residency from last 30 days, including a piece of official mail
- Proof of income, including paycheck stubs, Social Security letter, LINK card
- Planning to return to normal clinic operations in July

#### Income guidelines

Family size* Pregnant woman counts as 2	Yearly income	Monthly income	Weekly income
2	\$32,227	\$2,686	\$620
3	\$40,626	\$3,386	\$782
4	\$49,025	\$4,086	\$943
5	\$57,424	\$4,786	\$1,105
6	\$65,823	\$5,486	\$1,266

More than 6 people: Call 309-794-7070 to see if you qualify

Monthly child tax credit payments do not count as income

## FARMERS MARKET PROGRAM

- Farmers Market program runs from early July through October.
- Each family can get
   \$20 in coupons
   to spend at Illinois
   markets.
- Coupons can't be used in Iowa.



# ROCK ISLAND COUNTY WIC MOVED TO EBT CARD IN AUG. 2020



## **HOW EBT WORKS**

- Shop from WIC Authorized Food List and your shopping list provided at your appointment
  - New foods: bulger, plain or flavored yogurt, tofu
- Benefits given for up to 3 months
- Must call WIC every 3 months for benefits to continue
- Clinic visits with child needed every 6 months
- Benefits do not carry over to the next month
- Card safeguarded with 4-digit PIN
- Store receipt and smartphone app shows benefit balance



## WHAT TO EXPECT

- Normal process returning in July. Must come into office every 6 months with child.
  - Weight/height of child
  - Check iron levels
  - Questions about child's diet
- In-office appointments normally take about an hour. Could be longer when we restart.
- Nutrition visits are usually about 15 minutes. Online and telephone visits are offered.
- We're here to answer any questions you have about your and your child's health.

## ONLINE NUTRITION EDUCATION

- Benefits can be automatically loaded without a visit to WIC for required education (non-certification) visits
- Families must visit clinic every
   6 months for certification and health check-ins



## HOW WICHEALTH.ORG WORKS

#### How does wichealth.org work?

#### ACCOUNT

The first time the client visits wichealth.org she will need to enter her state, agency and clinic as well as her WIC ID to create her account. She will the choose her username, password and security question as well as answer a few profile questions.

#### DASHBOARD

Once her account is created, she arrives at the dashboard. The dashboard allows her to select her lesson and view recipes in Health eKitchen.

#### LESSONS

Using a participant centered approach, the client chooses a lesson that most meets the needs of her family. She is then presented a series of questions to asses her stage of change in the selected lesson.

#### RESOURCES

Based on her state of change, the client is presented educational and skill based resources. There are more than 1200 resources in wichealth.org. The resources are designed to meet a number of learning styles.

#### CERTIFICATE

Upon completion of the lesson, the client receives a certificate showing the date, the lesson completed and an action statement detailing how the client plans to use the information learned in the lesson.

#### FOLLOW-UP

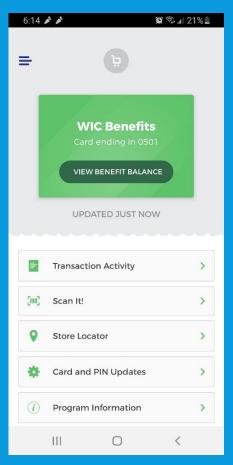
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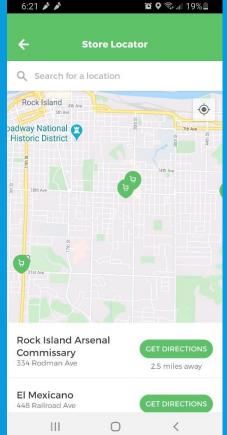
## EASY-TO-USE SMARTPHONE APP

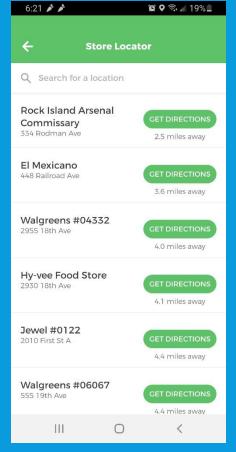
- Download from App Store or Google Play
- Real-time available benefit
- Store locator
- Barcode scanner
- Transaction history
- Also can use on desktop with same login

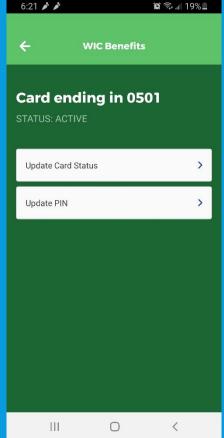


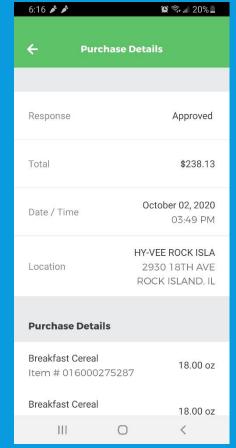
## **MORE ABOUT APP**



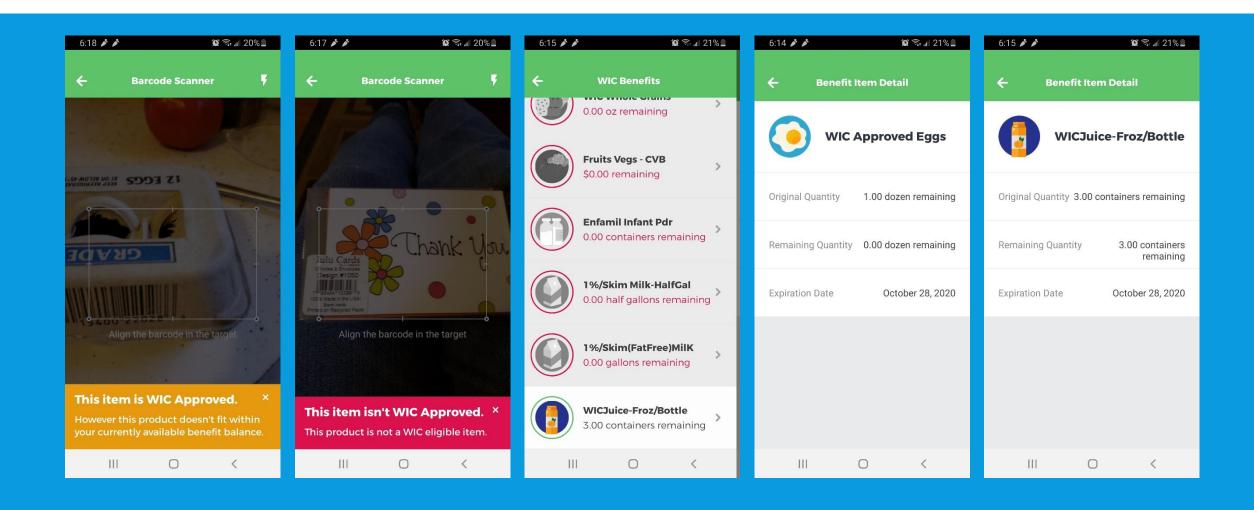








## **APP DETAILS**



## 3 LOCATIONS, BUT 2 OPEN NOW



- Rock Island County Health Department
- 2112 25<sup>th</sup> Ave., Rock Island
- Call 309-794-7070 for appointments
- Hours: 8 a.m.
   to 4:45 p.m.
- Monday to Friday
- Walk-in hours: 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

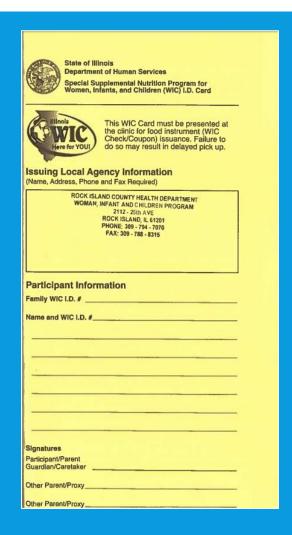
- Moline Community Health Care
- 1106 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Moline
- Call 563-327-2074 for appointments
- Hours: 8 a.m.
   to 4:30 p.m.
   Monday to Friday
- Late clinic:

   10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
   the first Wednesday
   of every month

- (Expected to reopen after pandemic ends)
- East Moline Community Health Care 708 15<sup>th</sup> Ave., East Moline
- Call 563-327-2074 for appointments or 309-737-0923 on Mondays only
- Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## FINAL NOTES

- Bring Yellow WIC card to all appointments.
- Yellow WIC card explains "how to do WIC" and participant rights and responsibilities.
- Call us right away if you lose your WIC EBT card.
- Don't give out your PIN number or loan your card benefits can't be replaced if someone uses your card without your permission.
- Participants must contact WIC every 3 months –
   benefits don't automatically load like the LINK card.
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## NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

#### **Current Nondiscrimination Statement for WIC**

(received 10.16.15, revised 1.6.16, 1.6.20)

#### USDA Nondiscrimination Statement

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race,

color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

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To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the <u>USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form</u>, (AD-3027) found online at: <a href="http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\_filing\_cust.html">http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\_filing\_cust.html</a>, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or

email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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